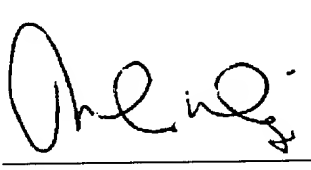
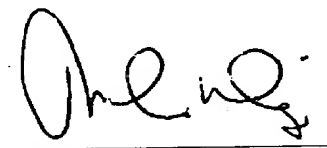


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Application Serial Number: 09/686,049		Filing Date: 10/11/2000		Examiner: William C. Vaughn, Jr.		Art Unit: 2143	
Invention: System for host-to-host connectivity using Ficon protocol over a storage area network							
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$50	\$ 0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$200	\$ 0.00	
Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>12/15/2004</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: _____ one month (\$120.00) _____ three months (\$1,020.00) _____ two months (\$450.00) _____ four months (\$1,590.00)							
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0	
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<u>3/1/2005</u> date		 Michael A. Dryja Reg. No. 39662					
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, please amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks.